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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS, to wit:

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It must be obvious, that a singing book, containing but a moderate number of well chosen tunes, is much more eligible for use in schools, and in public worship, than several volumes, or than one of large size. The tunes here introduced, in general, are recommended by their antiquity, and more by their intrinsic excellence. They are, in most instances, reduced to their primitive style, so far as time and opportunity would permit; for the spirit and slavor of old wine are always depressed by the commixture of new.—The concise system of rules and directions which follows, is judged to be sufficient for pupils, in the study of psalmody.

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To the bleffing of Providence this work is devoutly referred.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE GROUNDS OF MUSIC.

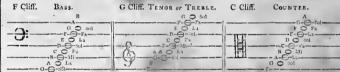
MUSIC combines melody, air, harmony, and measure. Melody is a feries of fimple founds. Air is the spirit and style of melody. Harmony is the consonance of two or more sounds, either natural or artificial. Natural barmony is produced by the common chord. Artificial harmony is a mixture of concords and discords, bearing relation to the common chord.*

The DIATONIC or Natural Scale of Music.

The notes of the diatonic or natural feale of music are seven, whose distances or degrees are measured by tones and semi or half tones. The seven first letters of the alphabet are applied to the notes, in the following order—A, B, C, D, E, F, G: when there is occasion for an eighth letter, the first is repeated.† These letters comprehend a system of degrees, called an octave, from which proceeds the variety of harmony.

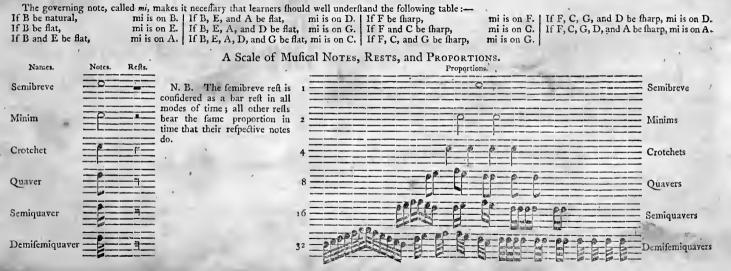
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The Gamur or Scale of Music.

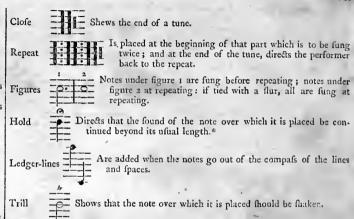


The Gamut contains fever primitive or original founds, every eighth in nature "being confidered the fame as the first." The feven founds comprise five whole tones, and two semi or half tones. The femi or half tones are to be found in the scale between B and C, and E and F. "The order of the notes, above and below mi, is as follows, viz. Above mi are sa, sol, la, fol, la; and below mi are la, fol, fa, la, fol, fa; after which mi returns, either ascending or descending."

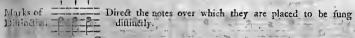
[.] See Holyeke's introduction to Columb. Rep.



Explanation of Mufical CHARACTERS. Five lines with their spaces, on which music is written. Shews how many parts move together. Flat b At the beginning of a tune, governs the mi; and fet before a note, finks it half a tone. Sharp * At the beginning of a tune, governs the mi; and fet before a note, raifes it half a tone. Natural | Restores a note made flat or sharp to its original found. C. Set after a note or rest, adds one half to its original length. Point of Diminution Reduces three notes to the time of two. Single Bar - Serves to divide the time in music according to its measure. Double Bar Serves to distinguish the end of a strain in anthems, and the lines of pfalm tunes: a thick single bar is frequently used for the same purpose.



^{*} In all cases the continuation is left to the direction of the leader.



3- Give the performer liberty to fing which he pleafes: Choosing Notes and both may be fung at the fame time.

Slur or Tie - Points out what number of notes are fung to one fyllable.

The trill, notes of transition, and the appoggiatura, are left to the explanation and direction of the well informed teacher.

Of TIME.

Common time has four marks or modes, and is measured by even numbers, 2, 4, 8, same manner. Accented as in the preceding modes. &c.; each bar including fuch quantity of notes as will amount to one femibreve, which is the measure note.



Fourth Mode. Third Mode.

The first mode of Common time has one semibreve, or other notes and rests equivalent, in a bar; the bar is performed in four feconds, two with the hand down and two with it up. The accented part of the bar is the first and third notes.

The fecond mode contains the same notes in a bar; the time measured in the same manner, but to be performed one-fourth faster. Accented as in the first mode. The third mode also contains the same notes in a bar, but is performed two feconds in a bar, one with the hand down, and one with it up. Accented as before.

The fourth mode has a minim for its measure note; this, or other notes equiva-Time is marked by three divisions or modes, viz. Common, Triple, or Compound. lent, fill a bar : performed one-fourth faster than the third mode, and beat in the

Triple time has three marks or modes, viz.





The first mode of Triple time has three minims in each bar, each minim founded in a second of time; the two first to be sung with the hand down, and the last with it up.

The fecond mode three crotchets in a bar; the time measured as in the first

mode, but one-fourth faster.

The third mode has three quavers in a bar; the time measured with the hand as before, but performed one-fourth faster than the second mode.

Compound time has two marks or modes, as follows:-





Second Mode.



The first mode contains fix crotchets in a bar; three fung with the hand down, three with it up, in the time of two seconds.

The second mode has fix quavers in a bar; divided and song in the same manner as crotchets in the above mode, but performed one-sourth faster.

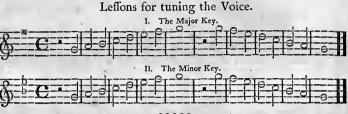
The foregoing modes are all in present use. They are given as general principles, by which the learner is guided. The mathematical difference between each mode is omitted. The performing of music slower or faster, in the different modes, is lest to directive terms, in general use, and to the judgment of the performer.

Keys in Music.

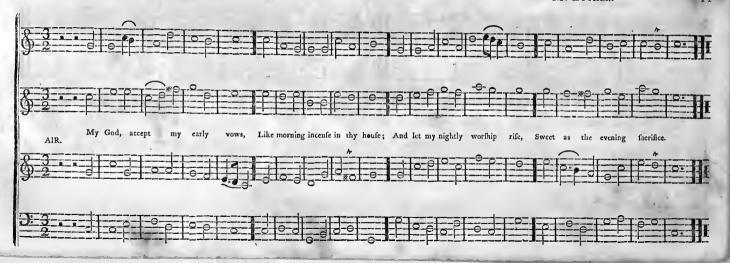
The two natural keys in music are A minor and C major; the first having the lesser third, fixth, and seventh, above its key note; the second having the greater third, sixth, and seventh, above its key note, being half a tone sharper in its sirst, third, &c.



Whenever the last note in the Bass is next above the mi, it is the major or cheerful key; if next below it, it is the minor or flat key. The last note in the Bass is considered the key note.



N. B. The part over which Air is written, is the first or leading part.



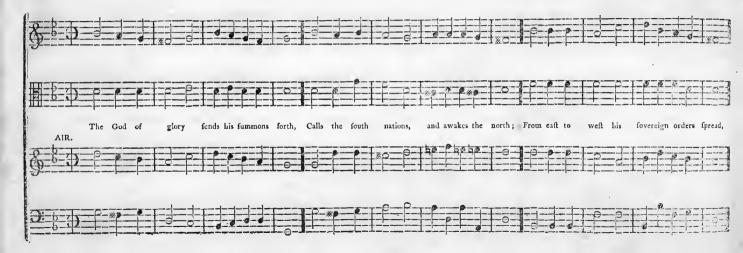




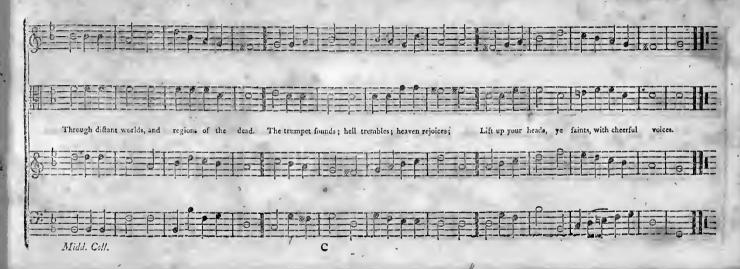


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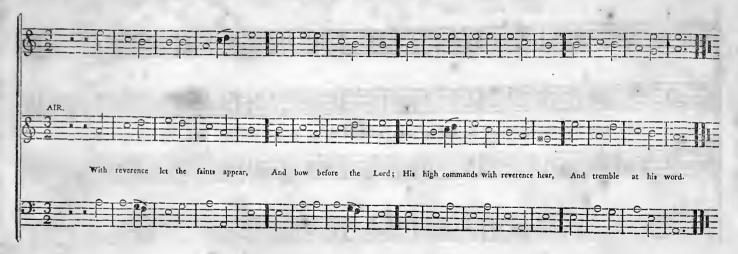


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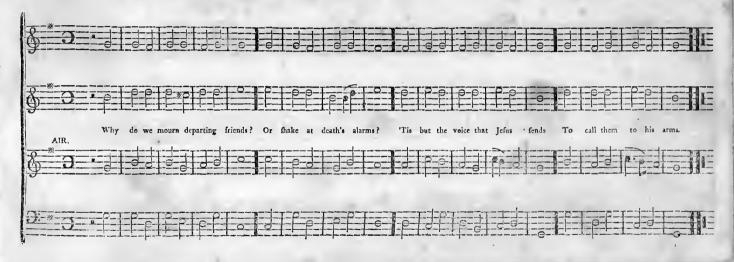


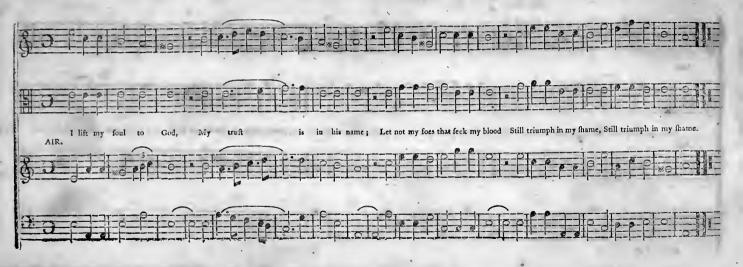


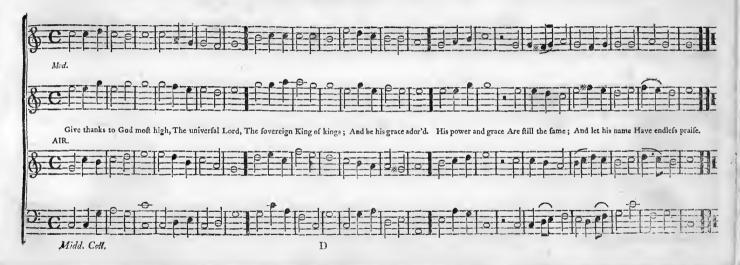
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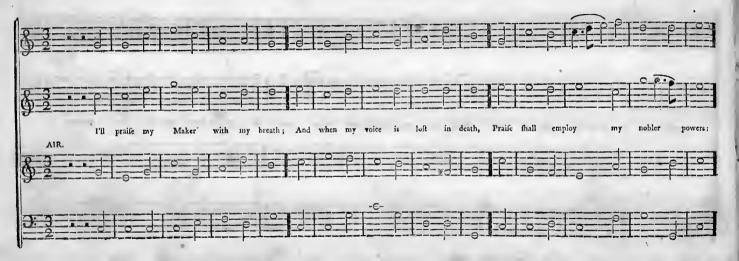




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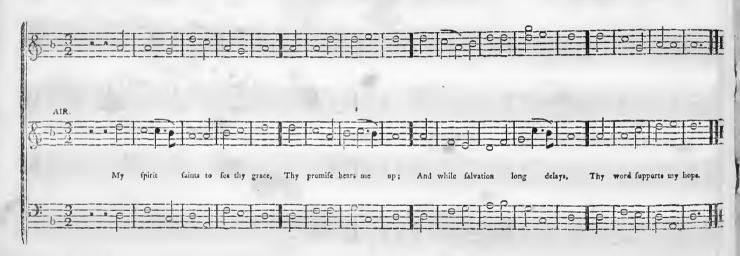


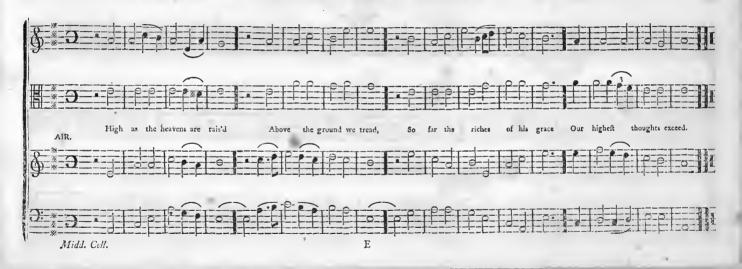


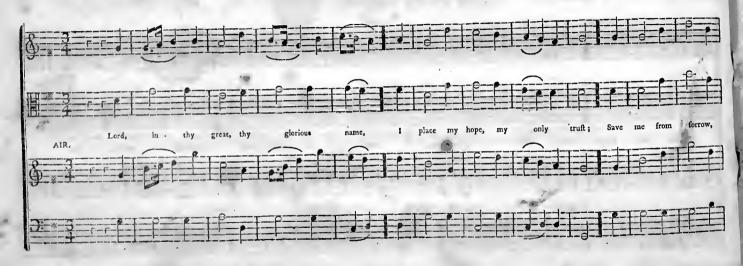
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Plaintive. AIR. Now let our our tears be dry; Why should these eyes be drown'd in grief, Which view a Saviour nigh?

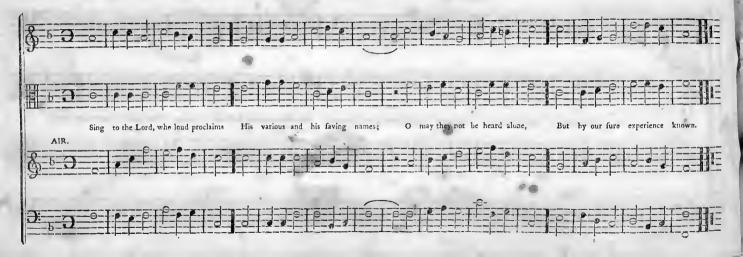


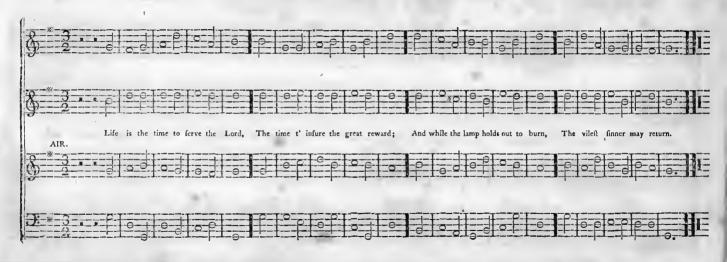




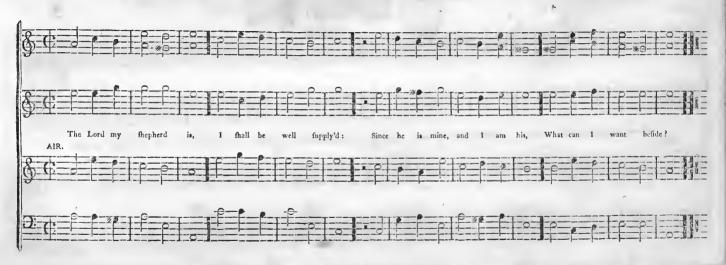




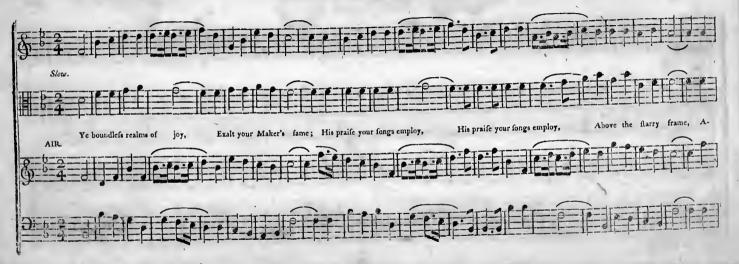




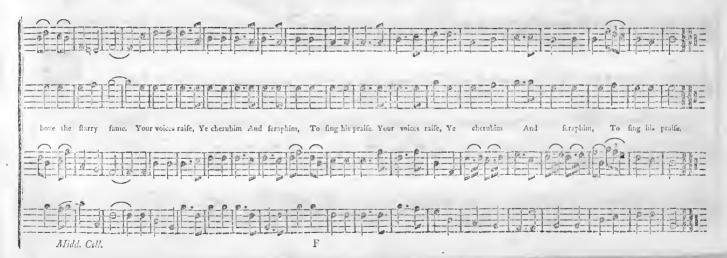




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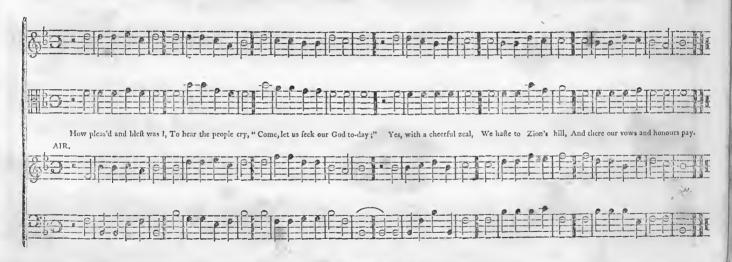


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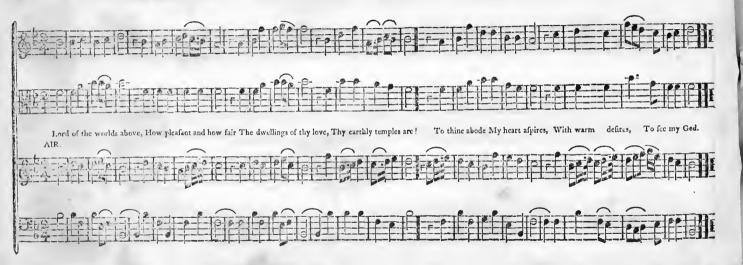




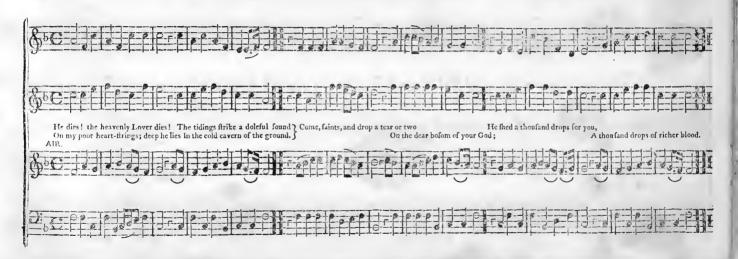


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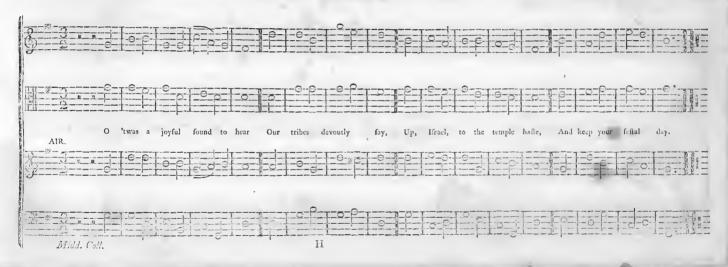


















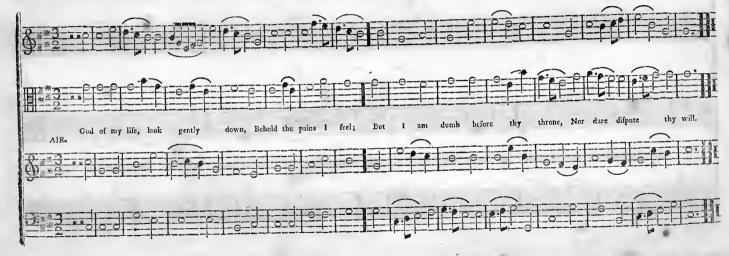


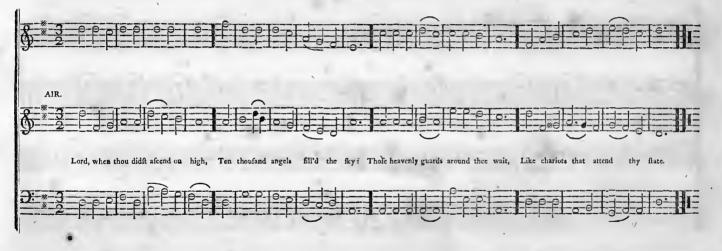






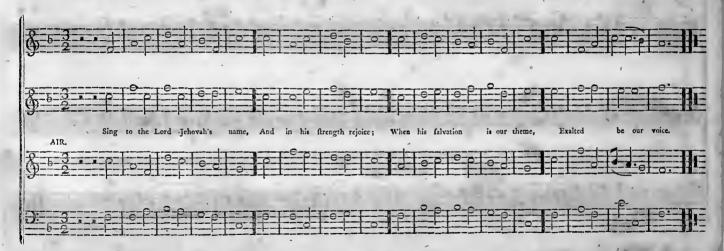




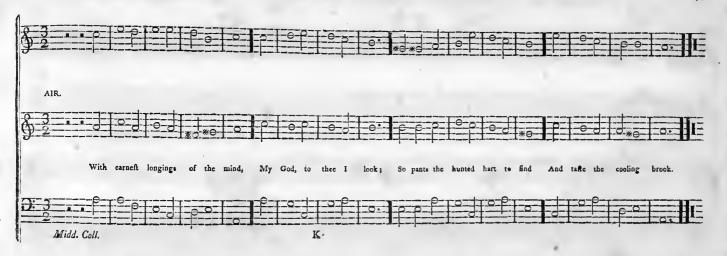








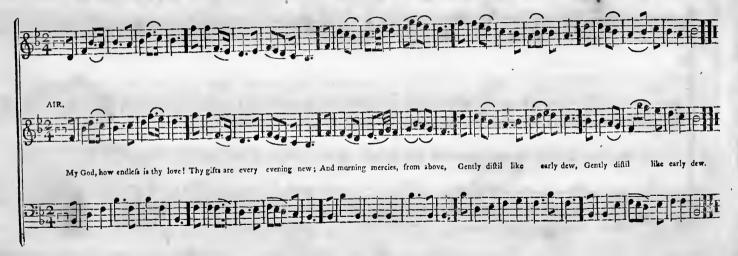








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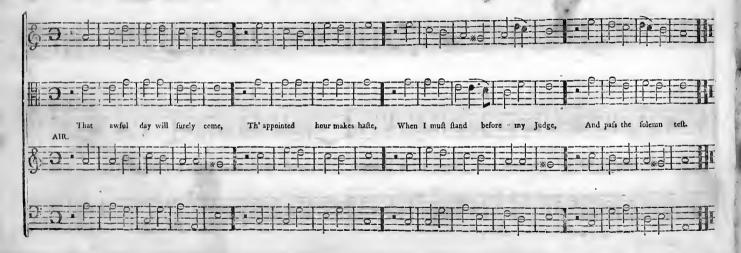








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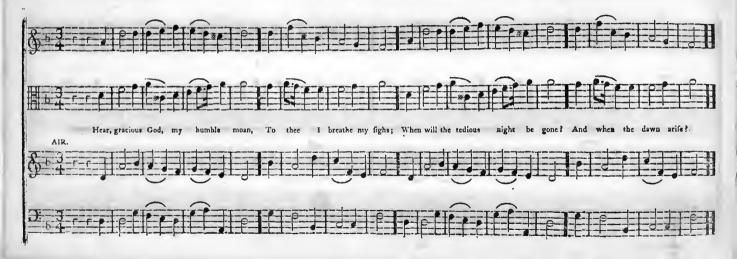


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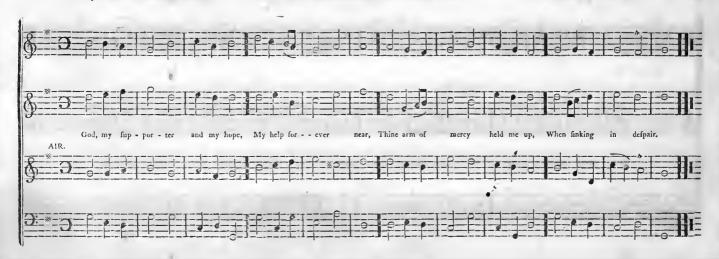


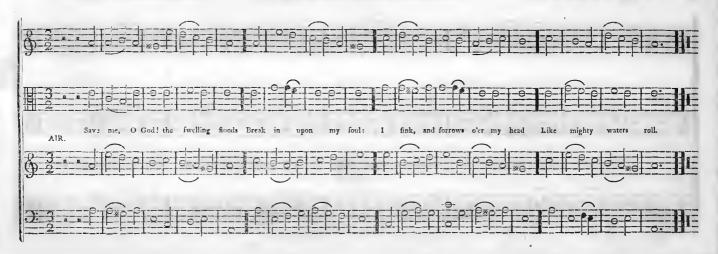
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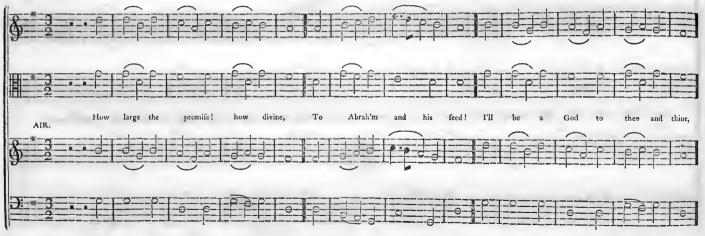










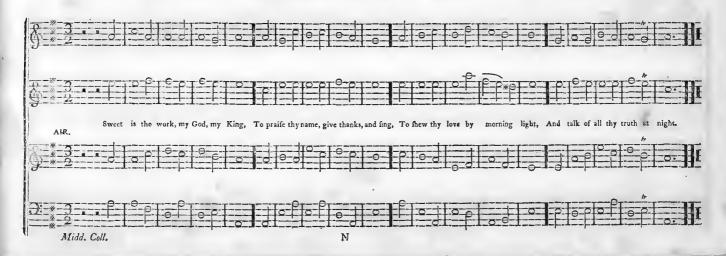




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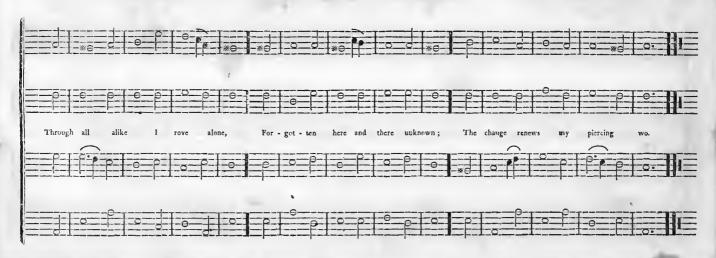


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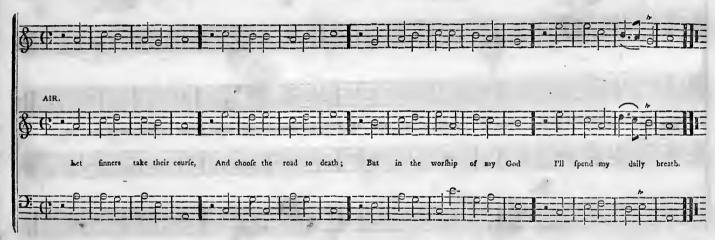








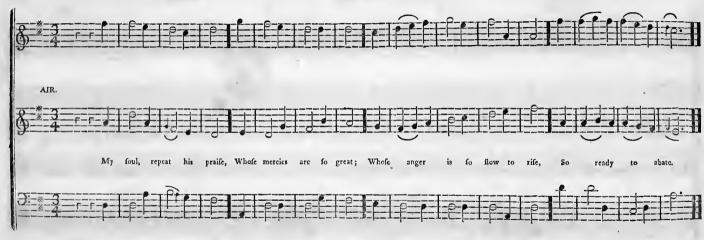
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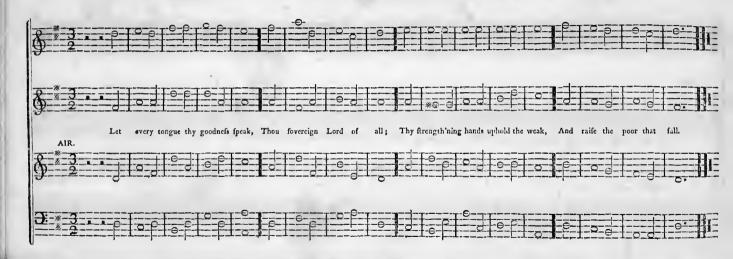






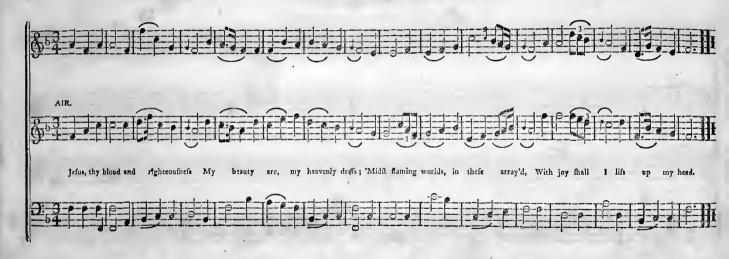








2 On thy fost bosom let me lie, Forget the world, and learn to die: O, Ifrael's watchful Shepherd, spread Thy guardian angels round my bed. 3 Let not the spirits of the air, Whilft I repose, my foul ensure; But guard thy suppliant free from harms, Clasp'd in thy everlassing arms.





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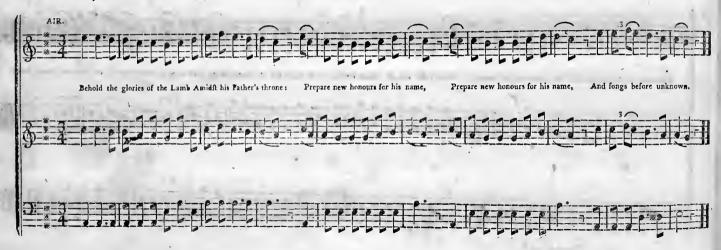




2 Hymns of praifes let us fing, Unto Christ our heavenly King, Who endur'd the cross and grave, Sinners to redeem and fave,

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. 3 But the pains which he endur'd, Our falvation has procur'd, Now he reigns above the fky, Where the angels ever cry,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

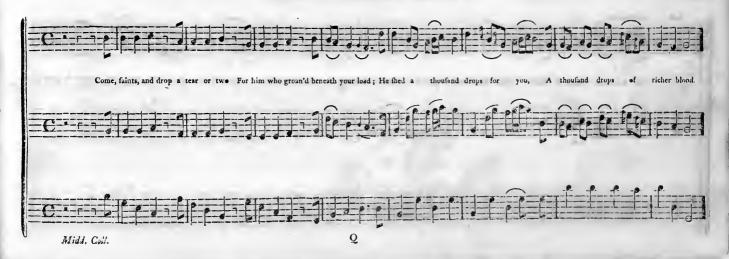




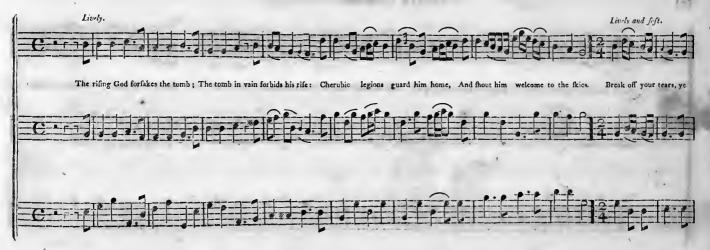




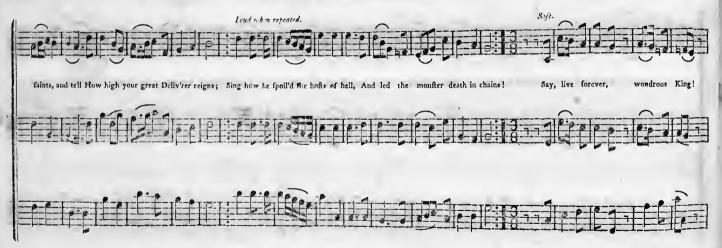


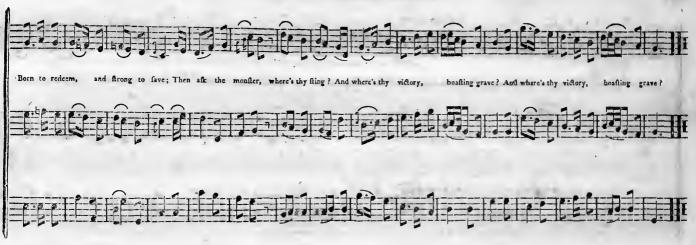






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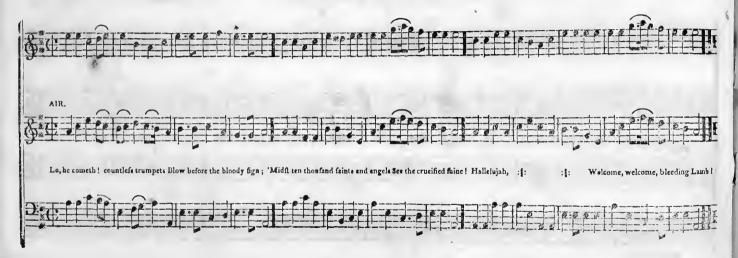




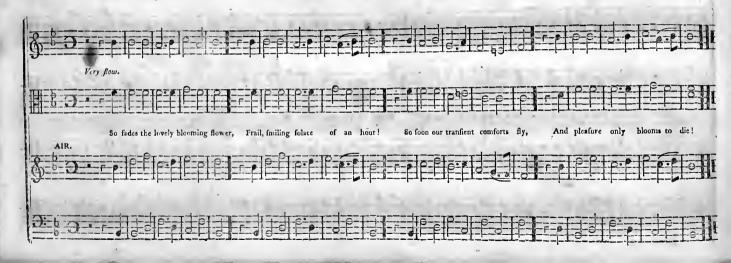
2 All glory he to God on high, To him all praise is due: The promite is feat'd, The Saviour rescal'd, And proves that the second is true.

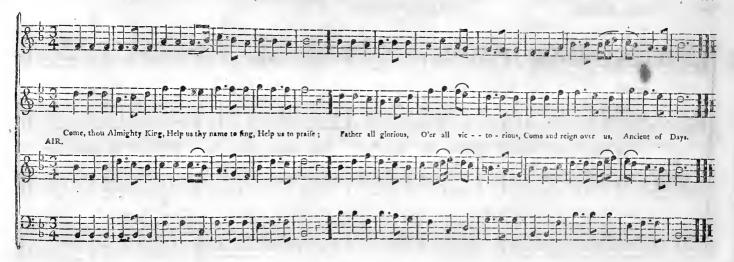
3 Let joy around like rivers flow, Flow on, and ftill increase; Mellish is come To ranfom his own, And heaven and earth are at pener.

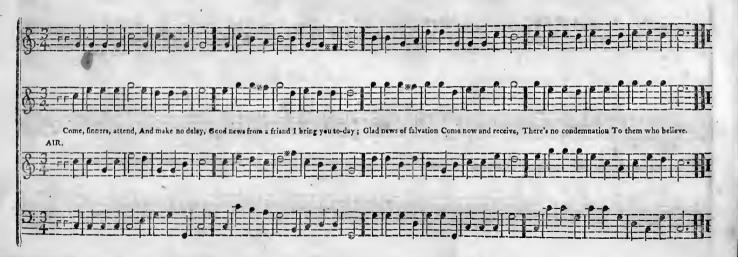
4 Then let us join the heavens above, Where hymming teraphs fing; join all the glad pow'rs, For their Lord is ours. Our Propost, our Prick, and our King.

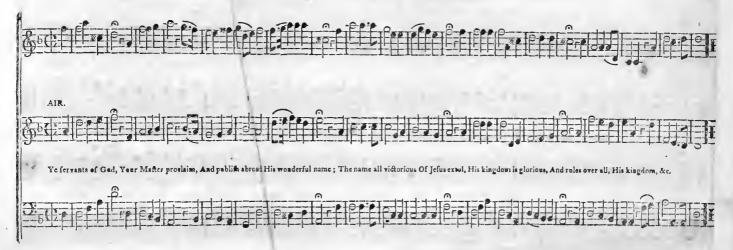


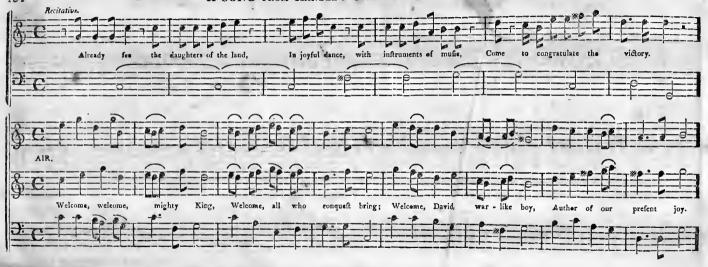


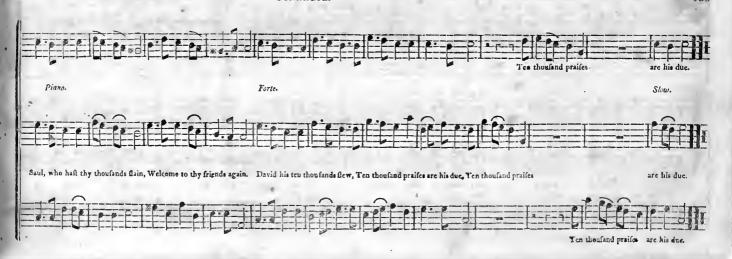












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